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329	070350	SAC MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
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336	070650	CG TELETYPE TO HQ + PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
337	062750	WITH COPY NEW HAVEN LTR TO HQ	2/2	2	PROCESS AD MARKINGS SEE HQ 65-59181
338	070650	WFO TELETYPE TO HQ, PH + NY	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
339	070650	PH LETTER TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
340	070650	PH TELETYPE TO HQ, NY + NK	3		SEE HQ 65-59181
341	070650	FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER PH REPORT CAPTIONED	3	3	
342	070750	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
343	070750	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
344	070750	SA TO SAC MEMO	3	3	
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346	070750	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
347	070750	PH TELETYPE TO HQ, NY + NK	2		SEE HQ 65-59181

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348	070750	NY TELETYPE TO HQ + PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
349	070750	ASAC TO SAC MEMO COPY TO NK	1	/	
350	070750	HQ LETTER TO PH WITH COPIES TO BA, NK	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
351	070650	HQ LETTER TO PH WITH	3		SEE HQ 65-59181
352	070750	BALTIMORE REPORT	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
353	071050	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
354	071050	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
355	071050	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
356	07? 50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, NY + PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
357	071050	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
358	071150	SA TO SAC MEMO DOROTHY SCHISSLER	1	/	
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361	071250	PH TELETYPE TO HQ + NY	2		SEE HQ 65-59181
362	071250	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
363	071250	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
364	071250	FERDINAND HELLER ASAC TO SAC MEMO CAPTIONED	2	2	
365	071050	COPIES TO NK, SE PH LETTER TO HQ WITH COPY TO KX	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
366	071750	NY TELETYPE TO HQ + PH WITH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
367	070650	SA TO SAC MEMO COPIES TO PH + NK	6	6	
368	071150	HQ LETTER TO NH WITH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
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370	071350	NY TELETYPE TO HQ, WFO + PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
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June 20, 1950

SA WILLIAM H. HAYLOR

FERDINAND P. HELLER
ESPIONAGE-- R

Re: Analysis of search material
obtained from the subject's
room at 129 West Chew Street
on June 16, 1950, by SA RO-
BERT E. MASTERS and the writer.

DESCRIPTION: Item #1 consists of a letter from GERHARDO
COLLIARDIN of Germany to FRED HELLER, dated March 10, 1950, with
three yellow copies of letters from GERHARDO COLLIARDIN to THOMAS
L. BLACK, dated March 10, 1950, March 10, 1950, and December 13,
1949. This material pertains to BLACK's obtaining detergents
for GERHARDO COLLIARDIN for sale in Germany.

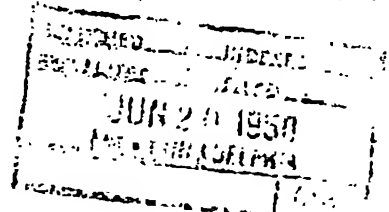
Item #2 is a letter from GERHARDO COLLIARDIN to
FRED HELLER, dated December 13, 1949, which pertains to the above
referred to detergents.

REMARKS: FRED HELLER was questioned by the writer and SA
JACK WALDMAN regarding HELLER's dealings with GERHARDO COLLIARDIN
and he advised that he has become a fairly close personal friend
of COLLIARDIN due to the fact that GERHARDO COLLIARDIN has been the
German representative for the American Chemical Paint Company for
many years even prior to the war. He stated that the Collardin
Company is located only in the Western Zone of Germany, that
COLLIARDIN is extremely anti-Red in his political views but that he
does not know whether or not he favors Nazism.

Since HELLER's first trip to Europe in 1949, he has dealt with
COLLIARDIN concerning various products of the ACP and also entered
into considerable discussion with COLLIARDIN relating to detergents
and graphites. According to HELLER, detergents in particular were
needed badly in Germany and that COLLIARDIN thought it would be an
excellent field to handle. Inasmuch as the ACP did not deal in
detergents, HELLER via letter introduced COLLIARDIN and THOMAS L.
BLACK. BLACK was to handle matters regarding detergents and graphites

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for COLLARDIN and in return receive a ten percent royalty such as COLLARDIN paid to ACP on other materials. However, HELLER stated that there was no written agreement between him and BLACK as to the disposition of the royalty payments.

HELLER advised that he was positive that any information furnished to COL. REIN would be perfectly legitimate and that under no circumstances would any such material fall into the hands of the Russians through GERARDO COLLARDIN. In fact, he stated that all of the ACP representatives throughout Europe were anti-Red and that he had planned to develop similar arrangements with numerous ACP representatives.

With respect to the graphites, HELLER stated that COLLARDIN was interested in graphite as a lubricant and that he, HELLER, had made arrangements with BLACK to obtain information on colloidal graphites from Acheson Colloids through MORRELL DOUGHERTY, a representative of that Company. However, HELLER stated that he had told BLACK not to let DOUGHERTY know what the material was for inasmuch as DOUGHERTY was an opportunist and would probably pester HELLER if he felt that there might be something to gain through the enterprise.

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TO : File

FROM : SAC A. CORNELIUS, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE (R)

DATE: July 3, 1950

I contacted Mr. BELMONT 6/26/50 on the telephone and advised him BLACK had now finished telling his story and it now appears desirable to question him relative to specific phases of the story, discrepancies, material found in the searches conducted in the case, etc.

Mr. BELMONT stated that this should be done as long as he was here voluntarily.

I told Mr. BELMONT that BLACK was still under surveillance. He stated that this should be continued.

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 5, 1950

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM C. HINZE, JR.

SUBJECT: HARRY GOLD - alias L. Black
ESPIONAGE (R)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
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On 7/3/50 I telephonically communicated with Mr. HENRICH of the Bureau in connection with the above case. I called to his attention the fact that the statements dictated by HARRY GOLD concerning the activities of BROTHMAN, as well as supplemental statements from GOLD on FUCHS, SLACK, and GREENGLASS, were ready for GOLD's signature. I pointed out to Mr. HENRICH that there was nothing relating to motive or intent on the part of GOLD contained in these statements other than the flat statement of fact relative to GOLD's contacts with Soviet agents. I mentioned that unless the Bureau had any objections it was our intention to call Mr. JOHN D. M. HAMILTON, GOLD's attorney, and advise him we had the above-described statements which we intended to take to GOLD for his signature; that we would mention that there was nothing in these statements relating to GOLD's motive or intent, as indicated above; and that it was expected that Mr. HAMILTON would not interpose any objection to GOLD's signing these statements.

Mr. HENRICH stated that he desired to discuss this matter further with Mr. BELMONT and would subsequently return my call.

At 3.30 p.m., Mr. HENRICH called and advised he had discussed this with Mr. BELMONT. He instructed that this office should call Mr. HAMILTON and tell him about the nature of the statements and that it was our intention to submit them to GOLD for signature; that Mr. HAMILTON can see these statements if he so desires; that we wanted to give him the opportunity to review them. We were to mention to Mr. HAMILTON that nothing was contained in the statements relative to intent or motive on the part of GOLD, as previously described by him, but on the over-all picture of intent as related to all of GOLD's activities and associates it was felt he should be the judge, and the purpose of my call to him was to advise that if he so desires he could see them. Mr. HENRICH was advised that this would be done.

I subsequently telephonically communicated with Mr. HAMILTON's secretary at his law office and learned that Mr. HAMILTON was in Canada on vacation and not expected back in Philadelphia until 7.10.50. I also learned from her that Mr. FALLARD, associate counsel for GOLD, was out of the city over the 4th of July holiday and would not be back until Wednesday.

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Mr. HENNRICH stated he would also check on this question and advise.

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In conclusion, Mr. HENNRICH indicated that it would probably be necessary for us to show all of the photographs to BLACK, pointing out that we should not be placed in the position of some day in the future having the question raised as to why we did not show certain photographs which we have in our possession to a man known to have been active in espionage in past years.

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TO : SAC

FROM : ROBERT W. HOLMES, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
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DATE: July 3, 1950

After making a search of available records, Mr. D. H. CLEMENTS, auditor of the Hotel Adelphia, 12th and Chestnut Streets, reported to the writer that there are no registration records on hand for the year 1942.

It is noted that registration records beginning January 1, 1943, are in storage on the 17th floor of the Adelphia Hotel. If it develops that BLACK stayed there during that period, it is suggested that Mr. CLEMENTS be contacted in Room 110. These records are filed by date and not alphabetically, and will require considerable searching.

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FROM : MORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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DATE: July 6, 1950

At 11:45 A.M., July 3, 1950, SA LOUIS TURNER of the Newark Division telephone and desired to alert Philadelphia since it appeared BLACK might be on his way back to Philadelphia. BLACK traveled from Patterson to Newark, carrying his bags with him. He was at the time of the call, at the PRR Station in Newark eating lunch. He had as yet made no effort to contact the Van Posnack Warehouse in Newark.

At 2:30 P.M., TURNER called again, speaking with SA ROBERT W. HOLMES. He said that after eating, BLACK had gone to the Van Posnack Warehouse on foot and returned to the PRR and then gone to the bus station and taken the bus to Patterson.

Accordingly, the Agents who had been standing by to take over the surveillance were permitted to go about other duties.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. REVIEW OF RECORDS RECORD OF SUBJECT-S CHECKING ACCOUNT AT WEST HUDSON NATL BANK, HARRISON, NJ, REFLECTS PAYMENTS BY BLACK AS FOLLOWS -- TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JANUARY THIRTIETH, FORTYTWO TO DR. BENJ. D. SILVERSTEIN, TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JANUARY FOURTH, FORTYFOUR TO EMANUEL KOENIGSBERG, TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JULY FOURTEENTH, FORTYFOUR TO DR. WM. H. SILVERSTEIN, TWO DOLLARS ON SEPTEMBER TWENTILETH AND TWENTYFIFTH, FORTYFOUR TO JOHN MALACHEFSKY, TEN DOLLARS ON MAY THIRTYFIRST AND SEPTEMBER NINETEENTH, FORTYFIVE TO JOHN H. HODUDEN OR HODUTON, FIVE DOLLARS ON JULY TWENTYSIXTH, FORTYFIVE TO CASH INDORSED BY J. B. FERSTER OR FESSTER. ALSO NOTED WERE MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF SEVENTEEN DOLLARS THIRTYTWO CENTS TO FIDELITY UNION TRUST CO., TIME SALES DURING FORTYTWO, ALTHOUGH THIS BANK HAS NO RECORD OF ANY DEALINGS WITH BLACK. MOST OF CHECKS WRITTEN BY BLACK WERE IN PAYMENT OF RENT, UTILITIES AND FOOD AND TO MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS CONCERNS. REVIEW OF ACCOUNT CONTINUING. SUGGEST BLACK BE QUESTIONED RE IDENTITY NOT ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND NATURE OF PAYMENTS TO FIDELITY UNION TRUST CO., NEWARK.

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RE NYTEL to Newark, New Haven and Philadelphia dated 6/23/50.

The records at the AMERICAN CYANAMID RESEARCH LABORATORIES, West Main St., Stamford, Connecticut, indicate that Dr. LEONARD J. CHRISTMAN, also known as LEVIS, was originally employed by the company on August 1, 1925 as a Research Chemist to work at WARNER'S LABORATORIES in Linden, New Jersey. CHRISTMAN was transferred to the Stamford Laboratories about 1937. He is now the Director of the Basic Nitrogen Division.

Miss JOSEPHINE WHITTAKER, Personnel Department at the AMERICAN CYANAMID LABORATORIES, made available a photograph of Doctor CHRISTMAN, which was taken in the fall of 1946 for a publication prepared by the AMERICAN CYANAMID LABORATORIES in Stamford. Miss WHITTAKER, who has been acquainted with Dr. CHRISTMAN during the past fifteen years has advised that the latter's photograph is a true likeness of the individual and that his appearance has not changed to any degree during the past fifteen years.

It was pointed out by Miss WHITTAKER that the personnel file relating to Dr. CHRISTMAN was retained by the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY'S New York office, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Dr. CHRISTMAN's current residence was furnished as No. 9 Center Knolls, Bronxville 8, New York, telephone number Beverly 76930. Miss WHITTAKER advised that to the best of her recollection Dr. CHRISTMAN at no time has ever resided in Connecticut.

The indices of the New Haven office contain no identifiable information relating to Dr. CHRISTMAN with one exception, which is a reference to a plant informant file which has been destroyed. It is possible that Dr. CHRISTMAN was considered as a plant informant at one time or may have been interviewed in connection with the plant informant program. The Bureau records may contain information concerning such reference, which is no longer available in the New Haven office.

Enclosed is a photograph of Dr. CHRISTMAN, which is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Division for exhibition to the subject THOMAS L. BLACK. Philadelphia is requested to furnish said photograph to the Bureau after it has

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served its purpose in Philadelphia requesting the Bureau to make additional copies and forward same to Philadelphia, New Haven and New York.

It is requested that the Bureau return the original photograph, which is being transmitted to Philadelphia, to the New Haven office for return to the AMERICAN STEAMSHIP CO. after appropriate copies have been made for the interested Bureau Divisional offices.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to New York and Newark for information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PHILADELPHIA

FILE NO. 65-4348 JMF

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia	DATE WHEN MADE JUL 6 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/5,12,30/50	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD A. SEARL
TITLE FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER, was Ferdinand Phillip Heller, Fern Heller, Fred Heller, Fred Berger			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER born 12-12-07 at Philadelphia. Attended Philadelphia public schools, graduating from Northeast High School in 1926. Graduated from Pennsylvania State College with B.S. Degree in Chemistry, 1930 and attended University of Virginia 6 months in 1931. Since 1921 kept regular residence at 199 W. Chew St., Phila. Employed as part time clerk at U.S.P.O., Phila. 1929. Employed as Chemist at Pennsylvania Sugar Co., Phila. and its subsidiary, Franco-American Company at Carlstadt, N.J., 1931-1933. Unemployed 1933, except for few months with Reese Brothers, NYC. Late 1933-1937, employed as chemist with Celluloid Corporation of America, Newark, vacationing 3 months in Miami 1937. Employed as Chemist, American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pa. 1937 to date. Married DOROTHY WISWELL 1943, divorced 1945. Fiance ROSE MC GETTIGAN, Camden, N.J. At Penn State with THOMAS L. BLACK formed liberal club for study of Atheism. In 1932-33 associated with "pink elements", including BLACK and VERA KANE, residing at latter's residence in NYC. Attended under alias FRED BERGER, Communist Workers School 1934 and participated in waterfront picket line. While residing at 335 W. 11th Street, NYC, KANE's residence, HELLER and BLACK desired employment as Chemists in Russia and applied at AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION, NYC. Contacts initiated for both by HELLER through GAIK OVAKIMIAN, AMTORG official. Both "stalled off" in favor of becoming consulting chemists for AMTORG in USA. HELLER interviewed voluntarily on 6/16,17,19-22/50 at Phila. giving consent to search of premises, 199 W. Chew St., conducted 6/16/50. HELLER provided HARRY GOLD's (admitted Soviet espionage agent) name to AMTORG, encouraged GOLD's cooperation with USSR, and

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aided GOLD in securing BLACK's former position at HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING CO. Industrial processes obtained by BLACK from NOPCO rewritten by HELLER for submission to OVAKIMIAN of AMTORG. HELLER reports meet 10/25/34 with Soviet Agent using name of PETERSEN, a friend of OVAKIMIAN. BLACK reports HELLER unacceptable to Soviet agents, due to emotional instability, affairs with women and drinking. Separated from BLACK 1934-1937. In 1939 HELLER requested that BLACK forward AMERICAN CHEMICAL PAINT CO. processes to USSR. VERA KANE, HELLER and BLACK prepared information in 1939 and latter delivered to "JACK", his Soviet superior. HELLER enthused at reception and secured all ACP processes to forward to Soviet. BLACK unaware of HELLER's possible more recent Soviet Agent contacts and HELLER denied personal contact with Soviet Agents since 1934. Subject as Business Representative, AMERICAN CHEMICAL PAINT COMPANY made trips through Europe during September-December 1949 and in May-June 1950. Interviews of HELLER terminated on 6/22/50 pending completion of major interviews of THOMAS L. BLACK.

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 7, 1950

FROM : SA JOHN BLAZER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM L. BUCK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

The following data is a log report of the above captioned subject's activities as observed by SAs ROBERT V. HENCOCK, FRANCIS W. APPLIN, JAMES E. HILL and the writer during a surveillance of the subject for the period July 3, 4, 1950.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
7/4/50	1:10 a.m.	Subject arrived at the North Philadelphia Railroad Station via Pennsylvania Railroad. Train late for scheduled arrival, due 12:36 a.m., 7/4/50. Surveillance of subject commenced by relief of Newark Division Agents who advised SAs HENCOCK and HILLER that subject apparently left a black zipper-type travelling "bag" on train #233, Pennsylvania Railroad, upon his departure at the North Philadelphia Station. SA HENCOCK telephonically advised SA WILLIAM B. WELTE of the above incident. No further action taken per advice of SA WELTE.
7/4/50	1:30 a.m.	Boarded southbound subway at North Philadelphia Station. Proceeded to Columbia and North Broad Street.
7/4/50	1:36 a.m.	Arrived Columbia Street Station at North Broad Street.
7/4/50	1:37 a.m.	Entered Linton's Restaurant, 1716 North Broad Street.
7/4/50	2:00 a.m.	Waited for eastbound streetcar at southwest corner of Columbia and North Broad Street.
7/4/50	2:20 a.m.	Boarded eastbound streetcar #6035 at corner of Columbia and North Broad Street.
7/4/50	2:26 a.m.	Departed streetcar #6035 at corner of North Sixth Street and Forks Street.
7/4/50	2:28 a.m.	Entered residence 1929 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
7/4/50	2:45 a.m.	"Lights out" in subject's apartment.
7/4/50	3:00 a.m.	Surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : FRED E. GRAPER, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS.
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DATE: July 7, 1950

On July 6, 1950, a physical surveillance was conducted on the above-captioned individual by SA ALLEN OPEN and the writer:

- 6:45 AM - Surveillance was instituted on subject's residence by SA OPEN and the writer in radio car 754.
- 8:47 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to corner of Berks and 6th Streets, where he got a street car at 8:54 AM, and proceeded via street car to Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, where he arrived at 9:00 AM.
- 9:05 AM - Subject entered Linton's Restaurant, located on corner of Broad Street and Columbia Avenue.
- 9:20 AM - Subject got south-bound subway at Broad Street Station and proceeded to Broad and Market Streets, where he left subway via West Market Street Exit.
- 9:40 AM - Subject entered arcade of Widener Building. Surveillance discontinued 10:00 AM.

The notes of this surveillance are being retained in subject's master file 65-4332.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JAMES E. HELMER, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 7, 1950

On June 28 and 29, 1950, the following surveillance of captioned subject was conducted by the writer and SAs HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE, JOHN BLAZEK and ROBERT V. HANCOCK:

4:07 p.m. Subject departed work at Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, and entered cigar store at 1208 Germantown Avenue.

4:09 p.m. Subject departed from the cigar store after purchasing a newspaper; stopped for a few minutes and talked to a woman described as 5' 4"; 132 lbs.; 55 years of age; dark hair; wearing blue dress; apparently regarding headlines in newspaper dealing with the South Korean situation.

4:10 p.m. Subject re-entered Berg Laboratories.

5:04 p.m. Subject departed from work.

5:09 p.m. Subject entered his home at 1929 North 6th Street.

5:33 p.m. Subject departed from his residence and caught trolley #8449, going south on 6th Street, at 6th and Berks.

5:50 p.m. Subject left trolley at 6th and Market Streets.

5:52 p.m. BLACK caught a trolley going west at 6th and Market Streets.

5:58 p.m. Subject left trolley at 13th and Market Streets.

5:59 p.m. Subject entered the Horn and Hardart's Restaurant on Market Street, in the vicinity of Penn Square.

6:05 p.m. Subject departed from restaurant.

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*Black advised that he
met NICK CHASE
on this day*

*had all
the material*

*agents are
to view
photos of
the same*

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6:08 p.m.

BLACK met the following described person at the City Hall Court:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	31
Height:	5' 7½" to 10"
Weight:	162 - 165 lbs.
Build:	Medium, slightly heavy.
Complexion:	Tan skin; extremely dark complexion.
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark; wore light brown horn-rimmed glasses (bifocals)
Dress:	Wore light tan gabardine or palm beach suit; brown shoes.

6:10 p.m.

Subject and unknown man walked side by side and parted on friendly terms near the west entrance to City Hall Court. BLACK headed south on Penn Square enroute to F.B.I. office. Unknown man crossed Penn Square, walked south, stopped, and looked in various windows along the way; suddenly turned and retraced his steps north to Market Street. He made a surveillance of the immediate vicinity and proceeded west on the south side of Market Street. The unknown man was followed by SAs HELMER and GREATHOUSE to 17th and Market Streets. This unknown man, while under surveillance, was observed checking, apparently to see if anyone was following him.

The writer and SA GREATHOUSE have viewed photographs of JACOB FASS and this unknown individual bears a strong resemblance to FASS, but a positive identification could not be made by either agent inasmuch as the unknown man appeared to be somewhat shorter than the description of FASS which was given as 5' 11½" in his file.

6:13 p.m.

BLACK entered the Widener Building.

6:15 p.m.

The unknown man who had previously contacted BLACK, after stopping at 17th and Market Streets, made a surveillance of the vicinity, crossed 17th Street, and headed south on the west side of 17th Street, checking the vicinity in

*Helmer could not identify
from photo but says
description is identical -
probably went into
1711 Chestnut St
office of 60 p.w.s.*

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back of him and peering in windows enroute. He proceeded to Chestnut Street, turned west on that street, and was lost by the agents making surveillance in that vicinity. The unknown man was definitely surveillance conscious.

Agents HELMER and GREATHOUSE returned to the office.

10:00 p.m. Subject departed from the Widener Building, walked north on Broad Street to Linton's Restaurant near Race and Broad Streets.

10:15 p.m. Entered Linton's Restaurant

10:35 p.m. Subject departed Linton's Restaurant and walked north on Broad to Spring Garden subway station.

10:45 p.m. Subject caught subway going north.

10:50 p.m. Subject left subway at Columbia and North Broad Streets.

11:02 p.m. Subject boarded a trolley going east on Columbia Avenue.

11:07 p.m. Subject left the trolley at Berks and North 6th Street, walked north on 6th Street.

11:12 p.m. Subject entered the Cut Rate Drug Store at 1935-41 North 6th Street.

11:23 p.m. Subject departed from the drug store.

11:32 p.m. Subject entered his home.

12:30 p.m. June 29, 1950, surveillance discontinued.

The information concerning BLACK's contact with the individual believed to be FASS was called to the attention of SA WELTE, approximately 6:40 p.m. when agent GREATHOUSE and the writer returned to the office awaiting BLACK's departure.

Agent's notes on the above surveillance are being retained in file number 65-4332.

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JAMES E. HEIMER, SA

THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

On July 4 and 5, 1950, the following surveillance of captioned subject was conducted by the writer and SAs JOHN BLAZEK, ROBERT W. MACCORMACK and FRANCIS W. APPER:

4:57 p.m. Subject left Berg Laboratories and proceeded to his home.

5:05 p.m. He entered his home at 1929 North 6th Street.

5:27 p.m. Subject left residence.

5:31 p.m. Subject boarded trolley car #7340 at 6th and Berks Streets and proceeded west on Berks Street.

5:36 p.m. Subject left trolley at Broad and Columbia Streets

5:41 p.m. Subject caught a subway train at the Broad and Columbia street station, going south.

5:48 p.m. Subject left subway train at City Hall station and proceeded to the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, walked west on Market Street to Hicks Street. turned and walked east on Market Street, through the City Hall.

6:05 p.m. Entered Linton's Restaurant on Market Street, between 13th and Penn Square.

6:35 p.m. Left Linton's Restaurant.

6:40 p.m. Subject entered the Palace Theatre on Market Street, between 12th and 13th Streets, for the picture entitled "CAGED" starring ELEANOR PARKER.

7:54 p.m. Subject left the Palace Theatre.

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8:59 p.m. Subject re-entered Linton's Restaurant again.

9:13 p.m. Subject departed from Linton's Restaurant, proceeding to the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

9:15 p.m. Subject entered the Broad Street Station, proceeded to the second floor.

9:20 p.m. Subject made a telephone call from Spruce 4-1466, booth #5, Broad Street Station.

9:33 p.m. Subject proceeded from the Broad Street Station to the Savoy Theatre in the 1200 block of Market Street, and entered the theatre.

12:14 a.m. July 5, 1950, subject left the Savoy Theatre, and proceeded to the Horn and Hardart's Restaurant at the Reading Terminal.

12:30 a.m. Subject left the Horn and Hardart's Restaurant and walked east on Market Street to 5th Street.

12:40 a.m. Subject caught northbound trolleycar #2665 at 5th and Market Streets.

12:52 a.m. Subject departed from trolleycar #2665 at 5th and Berks Streets.

12:57 a.m. Subject arrived at his home.

1:33 a.m. Surveillance discontinued.

Agent's notes on the above surveillance are being retained in file 65-4332.

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The writer has contacted the Legal Department of the Bell Telephone Company, and will secure a subpoena of the record of BLACK's telephone call made at 9:20 p.m. on July 4, 1950.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN BLAZEK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: July 7, 1950

The following is a log of the subject's activities as observed by SAS ROBERT V. HANCOCK, FRANCIS W. APPLER, and JOHN BLAZEK during a surveillance of the subject on July 6, 1950:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
4:00 P.M.	Departed 500 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
4:04 P.M.	Entered Broad Street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, proceeded to Men's Lavatory on upper level Broad Street Station.
4:09 P.M.	Departed Broad Street Station
4:16 P.M.	Entered Linton's Restaurant on Market Street near 19th Street
4:37 P.M.	Departed Linton's
4:43 P.M.	Entered Center Theatre at 17th and Market Streets. Viewed double feature, "Night Has 1000 Eyes" and "Hostile Country"
7:13 P.M.	Departed Center Theatre
7:20 P.M.	Entered Linton's Restaurant at Market Street near 13th Street
7:32 P.M.	Departed Linton's Restaurant
7:36 P.M.	Entered Broad Street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad. Made telephone call at upper level telephone exchange
7:42 P.M.	Departed Broad Street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
7:49 P.M.	At City Hall, boarded north bound subway train.
7:56 P.M.	Departed north bound subway train at Columbia and North Broad Street.
7:58 P.M.	Boarded east bound street car at corner Columbia and North Broad Streets. Street car #7414.
8:03 P.M.	Departed street car #7414 at Berks and North 6th Streets
8:05 P.M.	Entered residence 1929 North 6th Street
8:11 P.M.	Departed residence 1929 North 6th Street
8:16 P.M.	Entered Charles Berg Laboratory (North 5th Street.
9:27 P.M.	Departed Charles Berg Laboratory
9:33 P.M.	Entered residence 1929 North 6th Street
9:35 P.M.	Departed residence.
9:38 P.M.	Entered Cut-Rate Drug Store near corner Germantown Avenue, North 6th Street and Diamond Street.
10:04 P.M.	Departed Cut-Rate Drug Store
10:03 P.M.	Entered residence at 1929 North 6th Street
11:25 P.M.	"Lights Out" in subject's residence
11:50 P.M.	Surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM C. HENZE, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
Espionage (R)

DATE: July 7, 1950.

SAC McKEE called from Newark today in connection with the above-entitled case and referred to our teletype of 7/6/50 indicating BLACK was expected to return to New Jersey over the weekend and requesting that the Newark Office be prepared to take over the surveillance. Mr. McKEE discussed the negative results of the surveillance during the past and indicated that he thought some consideration ought to be made for presenting the case to the Bureau in order to have the surveillance discontinued. His purpose in making this suggestion was the fact that his office was utilizing a considerable amount of manpower.

This case was discussed with Supervisor H. S. HARTENSTEIN, and the background of the surveillance, results, etc., were considered. Consideration was given to our own desire to terminate this surveillance as early as possible because of our own manpower condition; also, that I had discussed this case with Mr. HENNRICH of the Bureau this week and had mentioned that when we terminated the interviews with BLACK we contemplated recommending that the surveillance be discontinued, as it probably would be as good a point at which to discontinue the surveillance as any. No instructions were issued by Mr. HENNRICH, but he suggested we might consider keeping BLACK under a spot surveillance.

I thereafter returned Mr. McKEE's call and informed him that this office did not feel it wise to recommend the discontinuance of the surveillance at this time, especially since we were in the final phases of interviewing BLACK; that it was expected that this interviewing would be terminated sometime next week. Therefore, I informed Mr. McKEE that this office did not plan to request authority to discontinue this surveillance at this time. After a long discussion, Mr. McKEE agreed that the surveillance be continued this weekend in New Jersey.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT V. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, wa.
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DATE: July 10, 1950

The following is a log of the subject's activities on June 23, 1950, as observed during a surveillance by SAs JAMES E. HELMER, JOHN BLAZEK, HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE, and the writer. The above named agents were assigned to the afternoon shift:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
3:35 P.M.	Relieved day shift.
4:05 P.M.	Subject departed work, walked across Germantown and 5th Streets and entered small cigar store.
4:18 P.M.	Departed cigar store and returned to work carrying newspaper.
5:20 P.M.	Departed work, caught street car at 5th and Montgomery Streets going south on 4th Street to Market.
5:35 P.M.	Got off street car at 4th and Market Streets and entered cigar store on northeast corner of 4th and Market.
5:38 P.M.	Emerged from cigar store and caught west bound Market Street car.
5:46 P.M.	Got off street car at Market Street and Penn Square and entered Linton's Restaurant on Market between 13th Street and Penn Square.
6:15 P.M.	Emerged from Linton's Restaurant, walked through City Hall archway, then proceeded directly to FBI Office.
6:22 P.M.	Entered FBI Office building.
10:15 P.M.	Subject departed FBI Office, walked

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east on Market to Horn and Hardart's Restaurant adjoining Reading Terminal

10:40 P.M. Departed Horn and Hardart's Restaurant, walked east on Market to 5th Street where he waited for trolley car.

11:00 P.M. Caught north bound street car.

11:20 P.M. Got off street car at 5th and Germantown Streets, where he entered Berg Laboratories.

11:27 P.M. Departed Berg Laboratories and proceeded north on Germantown to the Cut-Rate Drug Store at junction of 6th and Germantown.

11:50 P.M. Departed drug store, walked south on 6th Street to his home.

12:45 P.M. Subject's lights observed out.

1:05 P.M. Surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT V. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 10, 1950

The following is a log of the subject's activities on June 29, 1950, as observed during a surveillance by SAs JOHN BLAZEK, JAMES E. HELMER, HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE, and the writer. The above named agents were assigned to the afternoon shift:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
3:40 P.M.	Relieved day shift
4:58 P.M.	Subject departed Berg Laboratories carrying package, appeared to have been laundry.
5:02 P.M.	Entered his home at 1929 North 6th Street
5:20 P.M.	Departed home and caught trolley car at 6th and Berks Streets going south on 6th Street.
5:40 P.M.	Transferred to the Market Street trolley at 6th and Market going west.
5:52 P.M.	Got off trolley and entered Linton's Restaurant at 13th and Market
6:12 P.M.	Departed Linton's Restaurant, walked west through City Hall archway to Broad Street Railroad Station. While in Broad Street Station, subject looked up a number from telephone directory, but made no telephone call. He then entered the men's room.
6:20 P.M.	Departed Broad Street Station and

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walked to FBI Office.

10:50 P.M.

Departed FBI Office.

10:53 P.M.

Entered Linton's Restaurant 13th
and Market

11:15 P.M.

Departed Linton's Restaurant and walked
east on Market to 5th Street.

11:32 P.M.

Caught trolley car going north on
5th Street

11:51 P.M.

Got off trolley at 5th and Berks
Streets and walked home.

11:54 P.M.

Subject entered home.

12:05 P.M.

Subject's lights observed out

12:55 P.M.

Surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT V. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, wa.
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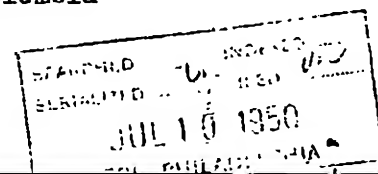
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The following is a log of the subject's activities on July 5, 1950, as observed during a surveillance by SAs JOHN BLAZEK, FRANCIS E. APPLER, and the writer. The above named agents were assigned to the afternoon group:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
4:45 P.M.	Subject departed FBI Office.
4:50 P.M.	Entered Linton's Restaurant on Market near 13th Street.
5:12 P.M.	Departed Linton's Restaurant, walked through City Hall Arcade to Broad Street Railroad Station.
5:23 P.M.	Departed Broad Street Station and walked west on Market.
5:30 P.M.	Entered the Stanley Theatre, 19th and Market Streets.
7:28 P.M.	Departed movie and walked east on Market.
7:40 P.M.	Entered Horn and Hardart Restaurant at Market and Hicks Street.
8:02 P.M.	Departed Horn and Hardart Restaurant, walking east on Market.
8:05 P.M.	Entered the Broad Street Station.
8:20 P.M.	Departed Broad Street Station (delayed because of rain) and walked to City Hall Arcade, where he entered subway station.
8:30 P.M.	Got off subway train at Columbia and Broad Streets.

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8:38 P.M.	Boarded Columbia Avenue street car going east at Broad Street.
8:45 P.M.	Got off trolley at 6th and Berks Street and walked toward his home.
8:47 P.M.	Entered his home.
8:55 P.M.	Departed home and walked to Cut-Rate Drug Store at junction of Germantown and 6th Streets.
9:20 P.M.	Departed Drug Store and walked to delicatessen at corner of Germantown and Norris Streets.
9:28 P.M.	Departed delicatessen and walked toward home.
9:30 P.M.	Subject entered home.
11:45 P.M.	Subject's lights observed out.
12:05 P.M.	Surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT V. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. ELACK, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 10, 1950

The following is a log of the subject's activities on June 26, 1950, as observed during a surveillance by SAS JOHN BLAZEK, HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE, JAMES E. HELMER, and the writer. The above named agents were assigned to the afternoon shift.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
3:45 P.M.	Relieved day shift
4:05 P.M.	Subject left work and entered cigar store across street from work.
4:15 P.M.	Returned to work
4:50 P.M.	Departed work and walked to home
5:00 P.M.	Entered home
5:13 P.M.	Departed home and returned to work
5:24 P.M.	Left his place of employment and caught trolley car at 5th and Montgomery Streets going south on 4th Street
5:38 P.M.	Transferred at 4th and Market Streets to Market Street car going west.
5:45 P.M.	Got off Market Street trolley car and entered Linton's Restaurant at 13th and Market.
6:15 P.M.	Departed Linton's Restaurant and walked to FBI Office.
9:55 P.M.	Subject departed FBI Office, walked east on Market to Linton's Restaurant.

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10:35 P.M. Left Linton's Restaurant, walked through
City Hall archway to the Broad Street
railroad station.

10:55 P.M. Departed Broad Street station and
entered subway station at City Hall
concourse.

11:25 P.M. Subject observed in home

11:55 P.M. Subject's lights observed out.

12:15 P.M. Surveillance discontinued

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TO : SAC

FROM : JAMES E. HELMER, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 11, 1950

Reference memo of writer dated July 7, 1950, in above captioned matter.

Records of telephone calls made from Spruce 4-1466 at approximately 9:20 P.M. on July 4, 1950 were subpoenaed by writer from W. H. WALTER, Legal Advisor, Room 1200, Bell Telephone Company, 18th and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. A review of these records reveal that subject telephonically contacted Hyacinth 8-9523 between 9:18 P.M. and 9:25 P.M. July 4, 1950. The aforementioned number according to WALTER, is listed as a New York exchange.

The writer has determined through the Brooklyn telephone directory on file at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Broad and Locust Streets, that Hyacinth 8-9523 is listed to MEYER PASS, 367 Miller Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. MEYER PASS, according to information received from Special Agent HOWARD A. SEARL, is the father of JACK PASS, a friend and business associate of BLACK's.

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SA Robert W. Holmes

DOROTHY SCHLESER;
SECURITY MATTER - C

THOMAS L. BLACK is presently being interviewed by agents of the Philadelphia Office in connection with an espionage investigation. In the course of this interview, BLACK told Special Agents WILFRED D. WILK and ROBERT W. HOLMES that he met DOROTHY SCHLESER while he was rooming at the apartment of SAMUEL WEISSMAN on Spruce Street.

BLACK described [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]. He said that she was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY for a time. He also said that she worked for Eckert-Mauchly where she was discharged because she was unable to get clearance for secret work. This company was manufacturing electronic computers for the armed forces. b7c

BLACK said that, in spite of her moral character, SCHLESER is an intelligent girl with a rather pleasing personality. She is at present working as secretary for a man whose name BLACK does not know but who is engaged in the sale of newspapers and similar large enterprises.

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cc: (65-4332) THOMAS L. BLACK

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July 11, 1950

SA Robert W. Holmes

JOHN GILLESPIE;
SECURITY MATTER - C

THOMAS L. BLACK is presently being interviewed by Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES in connection with an investigation of his espionage activities. In the course of this interview, BLACK said that he was acquainted with JOHN GILLESPIE while BLACK was rooming at the apartment of SARAH HIRSCHER on Spruce Street, Philadelphia. He was introduced to GILLESPIE by HIRSCHER, with whom GILLESPIE was at that time carrying on an affair.

According to BLACK, GILLESPIE worked for the Inkens Steel Company in Coatesville, Pa. BLACK did not know definitely whether GILLESPIE was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY but said that he was very sympathetic towards its aims. HIRSCHER met GILLESPIE because the latter was a patient of HIRSCHER's first husband, SID WEINSTOCK, a Coatesville dentist. HIRSCHER influenced GILLESPIE to run for office in his union. During the time that GILLESPIE was coming to HIRSCHER's apartment, he made it his Philadelphia headquarters.

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He had a disagreement with BLACK and with JACOB PASS, who also roomed there and who was a cousin of HIRSCHER's, because he was in the habit of staying until late at night and of making telephone calls to HIRSCHER in the early morning hours.

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cc: (65-4332) (THOMAS L. BLACK)

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA FREDERICK E. GRAPER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK;
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: 7/12/50

On July 10, 1950, physical surveillance was instituted on the above-captioned individual by SA's OFFEN, OUSLEY, and the writer.

6:40 a.m. - Surveillance instituted on subject's residence.

8:30 a.m. - Subject left residence and proceeded to the M & L Luncheonette, where he arrived at 8:35.

8:47 a.m. - Subject left M & L Luncheonette and entered Berg Laboratory.

10:30 a.m. - Subject departed Berg Laboratory and entered M & L Luncheonette, where he remained for five minutes and returned to Berg Laboratory.

12:25 p.m. - Subject left Berg Laboratory and proceeded to the Cut Rate Drug Store, located at 2052 Germantown Avenue. Subject arrived at this destination at 12:30 p.m.

12:55 p.m. - Subject left Cut Rate Drug Store and proceeded to his residence, where he arrived at 12:58 p.m.

1:04 p.m. - Subject left residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratory, where he arrived at 1:12 p.m.

3:35 p.m. - Surveillance was relieved by SA's MITCHELL, SPIVEY, and E. C. MULLEN.

Original notes of this surveillance will be found in subject's master file, No. 65-4332.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA FREDERICK E. GRAPER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK;
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: 7/12/50

On July 8, 1950, a physical surveillance was instituted on the above-captioned individual by SA's ALLAN M. OPPEN, DAVID BREEN, and the writer.

- 6:35 a.m. - Surveillance instituted on subject's residence by SA's OPPEN, BREEN, and the writer.
- 9:25 a.m. - Subject left residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratory, where he entered, 9:29 a.m.
- 9:40 a.m. - Subject left Berg Laboratory and entered M & L Luncheonette.
- 10:20 a.m. - Subject left M & L Luncheonette and re-entered Berg Laboratory.
- 11:40 a.m. - Subject left Berg Laboratory and proceeded to his residence, 1929 No. 6th St.
- 12:10 p.m. - Subject left residence and proceeded south to 6th and Berks Sts., where he boarded a street car and rode to the corner of Columbia and Broad Sts., where he alighted at 12:24.
- 12:25 p.m. - Subject entered Linton's Restaurant, corner of Columbia and Broad Sts.
- 12:35 p.m. - Subject entered subway and proceeded to North Philadelphia Railroad Station, where he arrived at 12:48 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. - Subject purchased one round-trip ticket by P.R.R. to Newark, N. J.
- 1:11 p.m. - Subject boarded north-bound P.R.R. train No. 212, car No. 3217, which left North Philadelphia Station at 1:12 and was due to arrive at Newark, N. J., at 2:24 p.m. SA's OPPEN and BREEN accompanied subjects aboard P.R.R. train to Newark, N. J., and turned surveillance over to Newark agents TROY, COLEMAN, FRANKLIN, and HIGDON at 2:30 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM, SAC - 7/12/50

Information regarding subject's itinerary was telephoned to the Newark Field Division by SA MITCHELL at 1:15 p.m.

The original notes for this surveillance will be retained in subject's master file, No. 65-4332.

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July 12, 1950 -

SAS WILLIAM C. HINZE, JR.

FERDINAND HELLER
Espionage (C)

On 7/12/50 I telephonically communicated with Mr. BELMONT of the Bureau and advised that this office had learned that Dr. JOSEPH SKILTON, a dentist who had been interviewed on two occasions by this office, as set forth in our letter to the Bureau dated 6/30/50, and who had recently had an accident by running his car into a tree, had committed suicide last week and was buried yesterday. I advised Mr. BELMONT that we had not interviewed SKILTON since the two interviews recorded in the above letter. I pointed out that the death was confirmed by a newspaper notice of the death, and that in view of the circumstances this office did not believe it expedient to check into the matter of the suicide through the coroner or to interview Dr. SKILTON's wife.

I also pointed out that subject THOMAS L. BLACK had been informed by Mrs. SKILTON that her husband had committed suicide with a knife, and BLACK had attended a wake for SKILTON. Mr. BELMONT agreed that we should have no contact with Mrs. SKILTON and not check into SKILTON's suicide.

At the time of furnishing the above information to Mr. BELMONT, I also called attention to the fact that subject FERDINAND HELLER had indicated that he is also contemplating suicide. I pointed out that subject BLACK, when interviewed last night, had advised that HELLER was drinking two bottles of whiskey daily, was fighting with his mother with whom he lives, and had told BLACK that he was going to the mountains for two weeks and if his nerves did not improve he would do the same as JOSEPH SKILTON.

In this connection I pointed out that BLACK was going to try to see HELLER tonight. BLACK mentioned that he would have to go to HELLER's home and then take HELLER away from his home in order to talk to him. He pointed out that he, BLACK, is acquainted with the fact that he has been under surveillance and stated he is not concerned about it. However, he feels that should he meet HELLER and HELLER makes the surveillance it might cause more serious consequences to HELLER.

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With reference to the surveillance of BLACK, I told Mr. BELMONT that this office recommended its discontinuance due to the fact that it has been unproductive. BLACK has advised us that he knows of it, and CHARLES BERG, BLACK's employer, telephoned this office yesterday complaining about the fact that we were conducting a surveillance in the vicinity of his office. I pointed out to Mr. BELMONT that BERG's office and shop were located in an area where numbers writers openly engage in their activities; that these numbers writers made our Agents very shortly after they started their surveillance near BLACK's place of employment,

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undoubtedly due to the fact that they thought they, the numbers writers, were under surveillance. The surveillance has continued in this vicinity for a long period of time, and undoubtedly by word of mouth BERG has become aware of it. I pointed out that if we did discontinue the surveillance we would institute a surveillance on a spot-check basis. Mr. BELMONT stated that this office should immediately send a wire to the Bureau recommending the discontinuance of the surveillance and the institution of a spot check unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Mr. BELMONT also advised that a letter should be forwarded to the Bureau relative to the above information on SHILTON and HELLER.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA FREDERICK E. GRAPER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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DATE: July 6, 1950

The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on June 27, 1950, on the above captioned individual by Special Agents GORDON B. PLATTAN, DAVID W. BREEN, ALBERT OPPEN, and the writer. All Agents have knowledge of the Subject's activities as set forth below:

- 6:30 AM - SA GORDON B. PLATTAN and the writer took up surveillance on the residence of the above captioned individual at 1929 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7:58 AM - Subject left home and proceeded to M & L Luncheonette, located on Germantown Avenue. Subject entered M & L Luncheonette at 8:05 AM.
- 8:17 AM - Subject left M & L Luncheonette and proceeded to Hutt Dairy where he purchased a quart of milk, and then proceeded to the Berg Laboratories located at 1827 North Fifth Street. Subject entered Berg Laboratories at 8:24 AM.
- 8:55 AM - Surveillance joined by Special Agents BREEN and OPPEN in Radio Car P-54.
- 11:52 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories, and proceeded north to his residence where he entered at 11:57 AM.
- 12:22 PM - Subject left his residence and proceeded north to the Cut Rate Drug Store located on Germantown Avenue. Subject entered the above mentioned establishment at 12:24 PM.
- 12:47 PM - Subject left the Cut Rate Drug Store and returned to his residence.
- 12:58 PM - Subject left his residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 1:07 PM.
- 3:25 PM - Surveillance relieved by Special Agents JAMES HELMER, ROBERT V. HANCOCK, HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE and JOHN BLAZEK.

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The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on June 28, 1950, on the above captioned individual by Special Agents GORDON E. PLAYMAN, ALBERT OPPEN, DAVID W. BREEN, R. H. GRABHAM and the writer.

- 6:30 AM - Surveillance started on Subject's residence. The writer and SA PLAYMAN took up this surveillance in Radio Car P-51.
- 8:13 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to M & L Luncheonette.
- 8:29 AM - Subject proceeded from M & L Luncheonette to Hutt Dairy, and then proceeded to the Berg Laboratories at 8:34 AM.
- 8:42 AM - Surveillance joined by Special Agents OPPEN and BREEN.
- 10:04 AM - SA OPPEN was relieved by SA R. H. GRABHAM.
- 11:46 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories and proceeded north on Germantown Avenue to the Cut Rate Drug Store, where he arrived at 11:55 AM.
- 12:40 PM - Subject left Cut Rate Drug Store and proceeded south on 6th Street to his residence where he arrived at 12:43 PM.
- 12:45 PM - Subject left residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he entered at 12:49 PM.
- 3:20 PM - Surveillance relieved by Special Agents HELMER, HANCOCK, GREATHOUSE and BLAZEK.

The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on the above captioned individual on June 29, 1950. The same Agents participated in this surveillance as in surveillance on June 28, 1950:

- 6:29 AM - Surveillance instituted on Subject's residence by Special Agent DAVID W. BREEN and the writer in Radio Car P-51.
- 8:23 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to M & L Luncheonette where he arrived at 8:29 AM.
- 8:46 AM - Subject proceeded from M & L Luncheonette to delicatessen located at the corner of Montgomery and 6th Streets.
- 8:50 AM - Subject proceeded to Berg Laboratories.

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- 8:52 AM - Surveillance joined by SA ROBERT H. GRABHAM.
- 8:53 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories and walked to the Hutt Dairy where he purchased one quart of milk.
- 9:03 AM - Subject returned to Berg Laboratories.
- 10:00 AM - Surveillance joined by SA GORDON B. PLAYLAN.
- 11:45 AM - Subject proceeded from Berg Laboratories north on Germantown Avenue to the Cut Rate Drug Store where he arrived at 11:50 AM.
- 12:27 PM - Subject proceeded to a dry cleaning establishment on Germantown Avenue where he deposited a suit coat. From here he returned to his residence on 6th Street.
- 12:34 PM - Subject left residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he entered at 12:45 PM.
- 3:05 PM - Surveillance relieved by Special Agents HELMER, HANCOCK, GREATHOUSE and BLAZEK.

The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on the Subject on June 30, 1950, by Special Agents PLAYLAN, BREEN, PAUL HAGAN, and the writer:

- 6:29 AM - Surveillance instituted at Subject's residence at 1929 North 6th Street by SA PLAYLAN and the writer in Radio Car P-51.
- 8:30 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to the M & L Luncheonette where he arrived at 8:35 AM.
- 8:45 AM - Subject left M & L Luncheonette and proceeded to Hutt Dairy.
- 8:50 AM - Subject left Hutt Dairy and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he entered at 8:53 AM.
- 9:10 AM - Surveillance joined by Special Agents BREEN and HAGAN.
- 11:31 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories and proceeded to Cut Rate Drug Store where he arrived at 11:35 AM.

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- 12:21 PM - Subject left Cut Rate Drug Store and proceeded to his residence where he arrived at 12:26 PM.
- 12:28 PM - Subject proceeded north on 6th Street to Norris Street, east on Norris to Germantown Avenue, where he deposited a suit coat at a cleaning establishment located between Norris and Barks Streets on Germantown Avenue. From the cleaning establishment Subject proceeded to the Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 12:35 PM.
- 1:24 PM - Subject was observed standing on the sidewalk in front of the Berg Laboratories.
- 1:25 PM - Subject entered a 1942 dark blue Plymouth sedan and rode to the corner of Susquehanna Avenue and 6th Street, where he alighted and entered the real estate office of WILLIAM FREEDMAN. The surveilling Agents were unable to obtain license number of above mentioned car or an adequate description of the driver of said car.
- 1:27 PM - Subject left WILLIAM FREEDMAN's real estate office and proceeded south on 6th Street to the Cut Rate Drug Store. The Subject was on foot.
- 1:29 PM - Subject proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 1:39 PM.
- 3:32 PM - Surveillance relieved by Special Agents HANCOCK, APPLER, HELMER and BLAZEK.

The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on July 1, 1950, on the Subject by Special Agents PAUL HAGAN, DAVID M. BREEN and the writer. Radio Cars P-114 and P-51 were used.

- 6:30 AM - Surveillance instituted on Subject's residence by the above mentioned Agents.
- 10:02 AM - Subject left residence carrying one black suitcase and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 10:06 AM.
- 10:20 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories and proceeded to his residence where he arrived at 10:26 AM.

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- 10:35 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to the corner of 6th and Berks Streets where he boarded a street car which carried him to the corner of Columbia Avenue and Broad Street. Subject alighted, crossed Broad Street, and entered the Linton Restaurant located on the corner of Broad Street and Columbia Avenue. At the time of entry in the Linton Restaurant, it was noted Subject was carrying two black suitcases.
- 11:07 AM - Subject left Linton Restaurant and entered subway on the east side of Broad Street. He then proceeded by subway to the North Philadelphia Railroad Station where he arrived at 11:12 AM. In the station it was observed that the Subject purchased a round trip ticket to Newark, N.J.
- 11:30 AM - Subject boarded a north bound Pennsylvania Railroad train to Newark, N.J. This train carried number 126 and was due to arrive in Newark, N.J., at 11:50 AM, Eastern Standard Time. SA DAVID W. BREEN accompanied the Subject aboard the train where he was seated in car #1666. The reporting Agent contacted by radio the Philadelphia Field Office and advised SA HOWARD SEARL of the train number, car number, and time of arrival at Newark, to enable the Newark Agents to take up surveillance at the time of arrival of Subject in Newark. SA BREEN, who accompanied Subject, turned the surveillance over to Special Agents TURNER and BRISON of the Newark Field Division at 12:50 PM.

The following is a log of surveillance conducted on July 4, 1950, on the Subject by Special Agents OPPEN, HAGAN and the writer with the use of Radio Cars P-54 and P-36.

- 6:30 AM - Surveillance instituted at Subject's residence by SA OPPEN and the writer.
- 8:45 AM - Surveillance joined by SA PAUL HAGAN.
- 10:40 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded to Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 10:45 AM.

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- 10:50 AM - Subject left Berg Laboratories and proceeded to a delicatessen located at the corner of Berks and 7th Streets. He arrived at 11:10 AM.
- 11:15 AM - Subject left the delicatessen carrying a large, brown, paper bag, and proceeded to the Berg Laboratories where he arrived at 11:25 AM.
- 3:35 PM - Surveillance relieved by Special Agents HELLER, HANCOCK, APPIER and BLAZEK.

The following is a log of the surveillance conducted on the Subject on July 5, 1950, by SA OPPEN and the writer in Radio Car P-115.

- 6:34 AM - Surveillance started at Subject's residence.
- 6:40 AM - Subject left residence and proceeded via street car to the corner of Market and 6th Streets, where he arrived at 6:25 AM.
- 6:30 AM - Subject entered Horn and Hardart Restaurant located in the 800 block of Market Street.
- 8:15 AM - Subject left Horn and Hardart Restaurant and proceeded to the U.S. Post Office at 9th and Market Streets, where he mailed a package.
- 9:00 AM - Subject proceeded north on Market Street to the Reading Terminal Station where he purchased a paper.
- 9:15 AM - Subject window shopped along Market Street until 9:55 AM, at which time he proceeded to the Philadelphia Field Office. SA OPPEN surveilled the Subject on foot. Surveillance discontinued at 10:20 AM.

The original notes of this surveillance are being retained in the Subject's master file, 65-4332.

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372	061750	FOR # 371) NK LTR TO PH (COVER PAGE	1	—	9-26-79 F2281 SEE NK-65-4074-63
373	061650	LIST OF ITEMS REMOVED DURING SEARCH OF BLACKS' PREMISES, 1929 N 6TH ST. PH.	14	14	
374	—	LIST OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM GREEN STEEL LOCK BOX	3	3	
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376		SKIPPED IN FILE	—	—	
377	062250	SPECIAL EMPLOYEE MEMO TO SAC	8	—	Referred to another govt agency
378	062250	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
379	062850	SPECIAL EMPLOYEE MEMO TO SAC	21	—	Referred to another govt agency
380	070650 061850	PAGE 2 DATED 070650 SEARCH OF BLACKS' EFFECTS. SA TO SAC MEMOS RE	1/1	1/1	
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DELPHIA, PA.

The following items were removed from the above entitled premises by SA
JOHN E. GALLIVAN:

The following items were removed from the top drawer of the
bureau located to the right of the front entrance:

- ✓ 1. White paper containing pencilled notes and numbers,
which paper contains the following at the top:
"Klumpf, Textile Bull."
- (Items #2 through #13 were bound by an elastic)
- ✓ 2. A torn yellow paper containing the date, Sunday 28, August,
with a name in pencil which appears to be PRAVG.
- ✓ 3. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the
name PORTER, R. E., at the top.
- ✓ 4. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the
name MACKEY, W. M., at the top.
- ✓ 5. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the
name M. KEHREN, at the top.
- ✓ 6. White paper containing the name Fairchild and French,
Manufacturing Chemists, 5th Street and Germantown Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa., with pencilled notes.
- ✓ 7. White paper containing written notes, with the telephone
numbers FR 7-6551 and RI 6-2280 at the upper left hand
corner.
- ✓ 8. A white paper containing handwriting and signed, "Very
truly yours, CHARLEY".
- ✓ 9. A yellow card containing chemical notes on both sides,
with the words "Make Solu. 1 lb., 2 gal."
- ✓ 10. Memo from the Franklin Institute containing the title,
"ERR, 2, 494 (1869)".
- ✓ 11. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the
name "Franklin, E. C."

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- ✓ 12. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the title, "Ber. 15,977 (1882).
- ✓ 13. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the title, "Ber. 31,234 (1898).
- ✓ 14. A piece of paper containing the name HARRY LODGE, 4 Prospect Street, Penacook, N. H.
- ✓ 15. A torn piece of paper containing the name EMERY RICHARDS, Glendale, R. I.
- ✓ 16. Memo pad from the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, containing pencil and ink notes.
- ✓ 17. A business card of HENRY NEWSTEIN, 820 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ✓ 18. Government Form PO-40, dated April 21, 1950, containing patent numbers 2,130,505 and 2,311,062.
- ✓ 19. A memo from the Franklin Institute containing the title, "Am. Dyestuff Reprtr".
- ✓ 20. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the name BALSTON, A. W.
- ✓ 21. A business reply card of the Chemical Industries, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., containing pencilled notes.
- ✓ 22. A Science Service postcard, (1719 N Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.) postmarked June 10, 1949. The addressee has been eradicated.
- ✓ 23. Pages 77 and 78 of the "Oil Paint and Drug Reporter", dated June 13, 1949.
- ✓ 24. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library containing the title J A C S 69² (1947).
- ✓ 25. A white paper pad containing the name WILLY LANG at the top, in addition to other writing.
- ✓ 26. A letter from the Bestoloid Products Laboratory, G. P. O. Box 175, Brooklyn, New York, the back of which contains pencilled diagrams.

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- ✓ 27. A loose-leaf notebook paper, headed "Export Prices", dated September 8, 1949.
- ✓ 28. Loose-leaf notebook paper containing the word, "Export" and the date September 8, 1949.
- ✓ 29. A single paper from a memo pad of the Hotel New Yorker, containing, amongst other writing, the name J. WOLFE.
- ✓ 30. Check, dated December 20, 1949, in the amount of \$65.25, payable to the Collector of Internal Revenue.
- ✓ 31. Check, dated March 14, 1949, in the amount of \$65.25, payable to the Collector of Internal Revenue.
- ✓ 32. Check, dated June 15, 1949, in the amount of \$65.25, payable to the Collector of Internal Revenue.
- ✓ 33. Check, dated September 15, 1949, in the amount of \$65.25, payable to the Collector of Internal Revenue.
- ✓ 34. Declaration of Estimated Income Tax, 1950, with the estimated income tax for 1950 being stated as \$302.00.
- ✓ 35. Envelope addressed to THOMAS L. BLACK from ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, 165 - 12th Street, Wood-Ridge, N. J.

The following items were found on the straight-back chair to the left of the entrance to the apartment, and at the foot of the bed:

- ✓ 36. A magazine, "Chemical Processing", February 1950, containing written numbers on the cover and, on page 102, the name, "Mr. CLARK, 1234 Hamilton Street, WA 2-6679."
- ✓ 37. A magazine, "Journal of the Franklin Institute", May 1950, with a Science News Letter inserted at page 380.
- ✓ 38. Science News Letter (referred to above), dated May 20, 1950.
- ✓ 39. A "National Geographic" magazine, June 1950, with a map of North Western United States and Neighboring Canadian Provinces inserted at page 719.

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- ✓ 40. A map entitled, "North Western United States and Neighboring Canadian Provinces". (referred to in item 39).
- ✓ 41. A book entitled, "The Marx Brothers" by KYLE CRICHTON, sealed in a cellophane wrapper.
- ✓ 42. A newspaper, "The Journal of Commerce", dated June 9, 1950, containing a list of incoming ship movements.
- ✓ 43. A book entitled, "Surface Active Agents" by Schwartz and Perry.
- ✓ 44. A brown manila envelope from the Department of Commerce, addressed to T. L. BLACK, containing several patents and patent requests.
- ✓ 45. A business card of HENRY NEWSTEIN.
- ✓ 46. A 1949 Year Book containing the telephone number RU 2-2065M, on the inside front page.
- ✓ 47. Income tax return for the year 1949 of THOMAS L. BLACK, care of SEGESSEMANH.
- ✓ 48. A black zipper brief case which was found on the floor near the fireplace. It contains miscellaneous papers, including patents, graph paper with notes and technical publications.
- ✓ 49. An envelope, addressed to TOM BLACK, postmarked June (?) 1950, containing the return address, "The Mullens, 6716 N. 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pa."
- ✓ 50. A letter, contained in item 49, and signed JOE.
- ✓ 51. Four memos from the Franklin Institute Library.
- ✓ 52. Patent order for patent 2,311,062.
- ✓ 53. A letter addressed to "Dear TOM" and signed "SEYMOUR", written on onion skin paper.
- ✓ 54. An advertisement containing pencilled formulas.
- ✓ 55. A torn calendar page, dated January 27, 1950, with the name KITCHENER and phone number WH 4-6472.
- ✓ 56. Folded white paper containing handwriting. Memo from the Franklin Institute Library.

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- ✓ 57. A 1950 Diary.
- ✓ 58. An address book with the name CHARLES E. BENDER being the first name to appear therein.
- ✓ 59. A business card of L. ALFRED MANNHARDT.
- ✓ 60. A package of paper clips containing what appears to be 6 small petrified substances.
- ✓ 61. A leather key case containing six keys.
- ✓ 62. A key ring containing two keys and the name M. L. LORNING (?).
- ✓ 63. Two keys on a paper clip.
- ✓ 64. A 35 mm. strip of developed film containing, apparently, photographs of individuals and buildings.
- ✓ 65. A roll of 35 mm. film containing a photograph of documents.
- ✓ 66. An empty package of Camels containing the name of G. BRILL, with the number "516".
- ✓ 67. Black check book of the Industrial Trust Company.
- ✓ 68. Book of foreign matches.
- ✓ 69. Book of foreign matches.
- ✓ 70. Foreign postcard addressed to BLACK, signed F P H.
- ✓ 71. Foreign postcard addressed to BLACK, signed S. J.
- ✓ 72. Foreign postcard addressed to BLACK, signed FRED.
- ✓ 73. A voucher containing the name KIEFER on the back.
- ✓ 74. Clipping from the New York Times, dated Wednesday, March 29, 1950.
- ✓ 75. Christmas card signed BRUCH.
- ✓ 76. Envelope addressed to TOM.

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- ✓ 77. Card of Mr. and Mrs. F. BRUCE SANFORD, contained in item 76.
- ✓ 78. Torn piece of paper containing the notation, "call GENE", "call HELLER", "COOPER".
- ✓ 79. Business card of AFGHONIA PASTRY SHOP.
- ✓ 80. Postcard postmarked June 3, 1950, addressed to BLACK and signed JOE.
- ✓ 81. Torn cardboard containing three sets of initials and phone numbers.
- ✓ 82. Folder containing numerous miscellaneous papers and patents.
- ✓ 83. Folder marked, "Clippings", containing numerous clippings from technical magazines, and envelopes.
- ✓ 84. Folder marked "Lab Apparatus S G A" containing technical material and drawings.
- ✓ 85. Folder containing bank book, magazines and miscellaneous papers.
- ✓ 86. Folder containing patents, technical clippings, and miscellaneous papers.
- ✓ 87. Folder containing miscellaneous clippings and letters.
- ✓ 88. A book entitled, "Organic Chemistry", by JAMES B. CONANT.
- ✓ 89. A book entitled, "Tables Electriques", containing loose papers inserted at several places.
- ✓ 90. A book containing loose patent orders and a patent order blank.
- ✓ 91. A torn match folder containing handwriting, the first word being "Ingersoll".
- ✓ 92. Magazine, "Scientific American", May, 1950.
- ✓ 93. A yellow card containing hand written notes.

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- ✓ 94. A page from the "Evening Bulletin", dated May 13, 1950.
- ✓ 95. A key, with the tag "Zeiss Microscope Company's".
- ✓ 96. Two keys, with the tag, "Old suitcases".
- ✓ 97. Manila envelope containing miscellaneous papers.
- ✓ 98. A folder containing miscellaneous papers, notes and patents.
- ✓ 99. Match book from Surf and Sand Bar and Grille, Madiera Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- ✓ 100. 1943 Appointment Record book.
- ✓ 101. A notebook entitled, "Things to Remember for the Year 1948".
- ✓ 102. A notice of income tax instalment due, dated March 15, 1950.
- ✓ 103. *Manila envelope found in Bureau containing papers, patents, address book, cancelled checks & misc. items*

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The following items were found and identified by Special Agent ELWOOD A. PETT:

1. "Science News Letter," June 28, 1947.
2. "Science News Letter," November 9, 1946
3. Business Card - Industrial Com. Corporation, CARL SCHRADER
4. Deposit ticket - Industrial Trust Company, 12/14/48 for \$20.00
5. Slip of paper - name STANLEY T. GLEASON
6. Business card - JAMES R. HARRINGTON
7. Business card - EDWARD J. CALLETON
8. Business card - Wolnar Lab
9. Postal card - name crossed out
10. Letterhead - L. COOPER
11. Envelope and Christmas card, December 18, 1946
12. Kugel Brothers Invoice Number 03653, with notes
13. Typewriter-size, yellow sheet with notes
14. through 38. - Franklin Institute Library book requests
39. Franklin Institute announcement of meeting, May 5, 1948
40. through 44. - Cards with miscellaneous notes
45. Envelope and letter postmarked Seattle, Wash. from 2520 East McGraw, Seattle, Wash.
46. Envelope and Christmas card with subscription card inside

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47. Business card - THOMAS L. SCATCHARD
48. Envelope with 3 warehouse receipt folders
49. U.S. Patent Office Number 2461300
50. " " " " 2182056
51. " " " " 2442531
52. " " " " 2443184
53. " " " " 2417329
54. " " " " 2461048
55. " " " " 2455812
56. " " " " 2305619
57. French State Patent Number 886365, 4 pages
58. U.S. Patent Office Number 2445131
59. " " " " 2463734
60. Folder clippings, NED
61. Folder, magazine pages and clippings, CEN
62. Folder clippings, OPD
63. Folder clippings
64. Folder with name Mrs. S. EISENBLITH
65. Letterhead, The Penn Beaver, Rochester, Pa.
66. Envelope and contents from A. BROTHMAN and Associates,
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- 67. Paper ray film, Atomic Physics
- 68. Electric Time Service Invoice Number J9447
- 69. Card)
- 70. Paper with miscellaneous notes) Attached by paper clip
- 71. Portion of sheet of Oil Paint and Drug Reporter
- 72. Paper, miscellaneous chemical notes
- 73. " " " "
- 74. " " " "
- 75. " " " "
- 76. " " " "
- 77. Paper envelope containing U.S. Patent Office Numbers
2288947, 2166812, 2223850, 2248346, 2275075, 2288946
- 78. Photostat copy, number 590951
- 79. Small black diary
- 80. Envelope and contents (letter) from Germany
- 81. Envelope (empty) from HELLER
- 82. Five page letter
- 83. Letter dated November 5th
- 84. Promissory Note, May 10, 1947
- 85. U.S. Patent Office Number 1725895
- 86. " " " " 2150921

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87. U.S. Patent Office Number 2298510
88. " " " " 2352160
89. " " " " 2403937
90. " " " " 2293676
91. " " " " 2089212
92. " " " " 2094608
93. " " " " 2094609
94. " " " " 2305619
95. Book of telephone numbers
96. Page of purchases by BLACK, 1946
97. Envelope and letter postmarked Fresno, Calif., July 15, 1946
98. U.S. Patent Office Number 2159988
99. " " " " 2468444
100. " " " " 2026816
101. Piece of paper with notes
102. Yellow card, name - BENJAMIN CLAYTON
103. Envelope and card from B. EDELSTEIN, Chicago
104. Envelope with Northeast Airline ticket stub
105. Letter, April 24, 1950, 2 pages
106. Letter, PERCY HELIE, 4/18/50
107. U.S. Patent Office Number 2470964

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- 108. U.S. Patent Office Number 2479041
- 109. " " " " 2479628
- 110. " " " " 2479628
- 111. " " " " 2478089
- 112. Letter and envelope - Fresno, Calif., August 7, 1946
- 113. Scrap, yellow paper - name, MORRIS FREIDMAN
- 114. Envelope for MORRIS HELPRIN
- 115. Personal telephone directory
- 116. Envelope containing info re microfilm
- 117. Card - R. R. POTTASH, M.D.
- 118. Piece of graph paper with miscellaneous notes
- 119. Proposal card - Franklin Institute
- 120. Wedding announcement
- 121. Sheet from "Science News Letter," 10/29/49
- 122. Clipping with name H. E. KIBBEY
- 123. U.S. Patent Office Number 2460117
- 124. " " " " 2128354
- 125. " " " " 2065782
- 126. " " " " 2047196
- 127. " " " " 2476053
- 128. " " " " 2474719

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- 129. Envelope and Christmas card
- 130. Sheet of paper with notes
- 131. Bunch of keys for desk, tool and strong box
- 132. Piece of torn card attached by clip
- 133. Letter, "Dear Fred", 1/14/50
- 134. Sheet of paper with miscellaneous notes
- 135. Letter, "Dear Fred," dated 1/14/50
- 136. Page 84, "Current Topics"
- 137. Small notebook of Parker Products
- 138. Philadelphia PTC Map
- 139. Check on West Hudson National Bank, 9/14/46
- 140. Telephone numbers book
- 141. Card - WALTER J. CLUDIUS
- 142. Emerson Invoice Number B23961
- 143. Piece of card - telephone number RE9-1475
- 144. Card - HERBERT B. LARNER
- 145. Envelope addressed to SIDNEY LEES
- 146. Card with miscellaneous notes
- 147. U.S. Patent Office Number 2032314
- 148. " " " " 2093576
- 149. " " " " 2032313

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150.	U.S. Patent Office Number	1970578
151.	" " " "	1918372
152.	" " " "	2032314
153.	" " " "	1737792
154.	" " " "	1918373
155.	" " " "	1932180
156.	" " " "	2342786

This is to verify that on the night of June 15, 1950 at Philadelphia, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at the time of conducting a search of my rooms at 1929 North 6th Street, obtained the above listed items on pages.

I further verify that the above represents all that was obtained by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

(Signed)

Witnessed:

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

The following listed items were removed from a green steel lock box which was removed from Lot No. 773, Box No. 3. The items below were removed from the box by SA TROY COLEMAN and SA EUGENE C. JONES.

1. A Communist Party Membership Book No. 6878 for Harold L. Jones. Jan. 14, 1933.
Socialist Party
2. The ~~Membership Book~~ of the USA Membership Card for Thomas L. Black, 17 Oxford St., Newark, N. J. dated Jan. 27, 1937.
3. The Socialist Workers Party Membership Card No. 3854 for T. Jones.
4. Small Address Book containing name of Harry Gold, 2540 South Phillip St., Phila., Pa., Telephone Fulton 2124.
5. Two magazine pages entitled "Errors in Shaving Cream Manufacture"
6. Page 10 from the Soap Gazette and Perfumer entitled Shaving Cream Baponification.
7. One copy "Drill Manual" of the Anti-Fascist Labor Guard.
8. One copy "Instructions, Model P-39 Time-O-Lite, Professional".
9. Two handwritten (Apparently in Black's Handwriting) sheets setting out background information regarding Black.
10. A charter granted Black, Ferdinand P. Heller, and their associates, etc. by the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM, INC.
11. Copy of scholastic record of Tasso L. Black, from Pa. State College.
12. Union County Common Pleas Order for Tasso Lessing Black to assume the name Thomas Lessing Black.
13. One sheet yellow lined paper dated 6/21/39 to "Tom" reflecting a list of names of people to be approached for contributions to the Anti-Fascist Labor Guard. Signed "Heathcliff".
14. Three pages, typewritten, addressed to George Breitman, Workers Ed. Center, 252 Market St., Newark, N. J. in answer to inquiry concerning Local 544's Union Defense Guard. Signed ~~by~~ Fraternally, Carlos Hudson.
15. Letterhead "The Holbrook Mfg. Co., Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 17, 1933 which bears recommendation for Black, signed Franklin S. Smith, Pres.
16. Check stub No. 31692 reflecting \$50.00 paid to Black by National Oil Products Co., Harrison, N. J. as bonus for patents or patentable ideas.
17. Treasury Dept ~~tax~~ receipt for payment of taxes dated Mar. 15, 1934.
18. Certificate of Birth for T. L. Black.
19. Newspaper clipping entitled "Cuse Linked to Red Inquiry"
"World Telgram, 12/30/36."

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20. One sheet handwritten (apparently Black's) consisting of notes of Appeal Meeting.
21. One 8 x 10 typewritten letter from Coyoacan, D. F., Mexico, dated Jan. 31, 1937, addressed to "My dear friends," and signed "Leon Trotsky".
22. Three page typewritten employment agreement entered into by and between National Oils Product Co., and Thomas Black.
23. 176 3 x 5 index cards bearing names and addresses.
24. One 8 x 10 handwritten in ink addressed to "My dear DR. Flasdorf" and signed Dr. G. L. Rabinovitch dated 5/1/ 42.
25. 4 x 6 card enclosed with above letter reflecting Earl William Flasdorf, Ph. D. 2 305 Lincoln Ave., Drexell Hills Plaza, Landsdowe, Pa.
26. One small brown envelope containing four inch piece of wire.
27. Two 4 x 6 loose leaf pages bearing 28 names and addresses.
28. Treasury Dept receipt for taxes dated 2/16/40.
29. 3 x 5 card dated July 23, 1940 to "Dear Friend" reflecting club meeting will be held at Andrew's home, 132 Warren St., signed Laurie.
30. Portions of five Reminder Pads reflecting many names and addresses.
31. Three pairs of black sheostrings.
32. Wooden vial containing two grams R. U. Powder.
33. One pair of Suff Ear Protectors for Bathers.
34. Sample of unknown substance in small clear bottle.
35. One small box of assorted fossels.
36. 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 loose leaf pages bearing formula of latherizer shaving soap dated 3/10/32/
37. 11 small sheets of paper bearing names and addresses of N. J. residents.
38. One Thermometer
39. Two Polaroid Viewers.
40. One pair of dark snap on glasses with leather case.
41. One Comb cleaner.
42. One Gem nail clipper.
43. One metal shoe horn

44. One 2" Singer Sewing Machine Screw Driver.
45. Two Framed Photographes (apparently Black's father.)
46. Small box of assorted arrow heads.
47. 1931 Callender issued by International Labor Defense, N-Y District.
48. Four 4 x 6 index cards, handwritten notes in pencil and ink.
49. One \$25.00 receipt from Drs. Benj. D. and Wm. H. Silverstein, Dentists, 895 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
50. One fingernail file.
51. Card bearing five safety pins.
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52. One key chain containing six keys.
53. Eight assorted loose keys.
54. One syringe tip.
55. one lot of assorted phamplets, books, etc relative to photography.
56. One timetable, Bus Line No. 8, Newark, Jersey City, New York, effective Apr. 15, 1940.
57. One timetable of PRR, Effective Sept. 24, 1939.
58. Pamphlet from the Three Demension Corp., New Holstein, Wis., on which the name Dr. Gerald (?), 320 E. 42nd St., NYC appears.
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TO : SAC

FROM : HOWARD A. SEARL, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 22, 1950

Reference Newark let dated 6-21-50, pertaining to a search of the property of the subject stored at the Van Poznak Storage Warehouse, 92 Howard Street, Newark, N.J., on June 21, 1950, by SAs PAUL E. KELLY, EUGENE C. JONES, TROY COLEMAN, and JAMES H. HIGDON, Jr.

Volumes I through III of the "CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND ANALYSIS OF OILS, FATS, AND WAXES," indicated as the 6th edition of Lewkowitsch. This is indicated as item A in the referenced letter. A search of these volumes indicates no notations, entries, or identifying marks.

A thin book entitled "LABORATORY COMPANION TO FATS AND OILS INDUSTRIES," which on examination failed to reflect any notations other than the small letter "4", in ink, appearing on the inside of the rear cover. The importance of this numeral is unknown, and it is suggested that BLACK be queried as to its meaning, if known by him. This item is indicated as Item B in the referenced letter from Newark.

A well-worn leather-bound volume entitled "ELECTRO ANALYSIS," by EDGAR F. SMITH, on examination reflects a pen and ink entry in the inside of the front cover "ERNEST L. or D. WILSON." This same name appears on the inner flyleaf. The significance of this name is unknown. It is recommended that BLACK be questioned concerning the identity of WILSON. This item has been designated as Item C in referenced letter.

A book entitled "A TEXT BOOK OF MARXIST PHILOSOPHY," which is indicated as having been printed in Great Britain. An examination of this book does not reflect any marks, notations, or entries. This item has been designated as Item D in the referenced letter.

A piece of white paper, appearing to be portion of adding machine tape, bearing in red scribbling and what appears to be telephone numbers "AP 7-5396" the date November 1945, and the notation "P304," which may be a page number in some particular volume. The telephone number RU. 2-6970 also appears, and, according to the referenced letter, may refer to Rutherford 2-6970, a New Jersey exchange. It is to be noted a search of the directories

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of the Philadelphia area and of South Jersey failed to reflect this exchange, hence a lead should be set out to Newark to determine the subscriber of this phone in the event BLACK is unable to identify same. This item was not identified in the referenced letter but merely mentioned. However, it is being retained as an exhibit in the instant file.

The above items were received by the Philadelphia Office under Registered Mail #433855, and were opened on June 22, 1950, by SA WILLIAM B. WELTE, and are to be made an exhibit in the file of THOMAS L. BLACK.

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TO : SAC

DATE: June 18, 1950

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF
BLACK'S EFFECTS FOUND AT THE VON POZNAN WAREHOUSE,
92 HOWARD STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, JUNE 17, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

Box 22, Lot 773 obtained by
Special Agents ROLLO V. CLARK, JR.
and JOHN P. DEVLIN

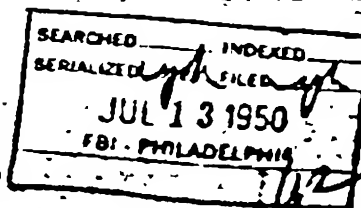
This exhibit includes two spools of developed 16 mm.
film bearing the title "Seizing Up Size."

LEADS

Question the Subject regarding the author of this film
and determine the use he made of it.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK'S EXPLANATION:

The two rolls of 16 mm. movie film were exhibited to BLACK by SAS W. B. WELTE, JR., and R. W. HOLMES on June 30, 1950.

BLACK advised that this was a copy of a movie film entitled "Sizing Up Size" prepared by him while he was employed at the National Oil Products Company. The film was prepared for advertising purposes, and shows the results of an emulsified paraffin wax used for sizing paper. The film was prepared by ARNOLD M. HILL and THOMAS L. BLACK. However, BLACK did the actual photography. This project was discontinued prior to its being completed and BLACK retained the film because the ultimate aim was never completed.

BLACK stated that he had told PETERSON that such film had been made by him, but PETERSON did not ask BLACK to furnish him a copy. It was around this time that PETERSON wanted to give BLACK a microscope. BLACK refused it, stating that he had a microscope available to him at his place of employment, and had no need for another one. In the preparation of this film, the equipment of Noפו was used. BLACK has made no personal use of this film and merely is retaining it since he did the photography.

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TO : SAC

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SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE -R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF
BLACK'S EFFECTS FOUND AT THE VAN POZNAK WAREHOUSE,
92 HOWARD STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, JUNE 17, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

Lot 446, Box 82 prepared by
Special Agents PAUL E. KELLY
and REGINALD C. VINCENT

reference

A book entitled "Anything Can Happen" by GEORGE and HELEN PAPASHVILY. The book itself does not appear to be of interest. However, a piece of paper approximately 6" x 3" found inside the front cover contains the name Mr. M. B. TURNER with the following notation: "Cannot use your PA Process. Could sell B 1 though. Wire." On the reverse side of this piece of paper appears the following "Cliffchar Charcoal and Actwater Carbon Cliffs Dow Chem Co." Also, on this same side of the paper appeared the notation "Oranite Chem. Co. 30 RP." Also, within the front cover of the book were found 11 charge out slips from the New York Public Library on which were found the names of various authors and books and also in some cases comments concerning the contents of the book and its value. It is to be noted that these charge out slips are used in charging out books at the New York Public Library, 42nd Street and 5th Avenue and, according to the writer's recollection, are usually retained at the library upon receipt of the book. Also found between pages 178 and 179 was a photograph of an unknown individual.

LEADS

Will exhibit the aforementioned slip of paper to the Subject and question him regarding the names and notations thereon.

Relative to the charge out slips from the New York Public Library will question the Subject concerning the reason for having these charge out slips and the notations made concerning the contents of the books requested.

Relative to the aforementioned picture, will question Subject as to the identity of the individual in this picture.

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TO : SAC
FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA
SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE - R.
THOMAS L. BLACK, was,

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK's EXPLANATION:

The book entitled "Anything Can Happen" was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAS R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR. BLACK advised that this book was given to him by JACOB FASS, also known as JACK FASS. The photograph appearing in this book is a self-made photograph of JACK FASS. A slip of paper found in the book, approximately 6 inches by three inches, containing the notation "Cannot use your PA Process. Could sell B 1 though. Wire." BLACK advised, has no meaning to him, and in fact, this slip of paper is not in his handwriting and is believed by him to be in the handwriting of JACK FASS. The number of New York Library chargeouts appearing in the book, are, according to BLACK, also in the handwriting of JACK FASS. BLACK stated that he and FASS, in 1940, were engaged in joint processes and were working together with the idea in mind of going into business together. He advised that the New York Library had a practice of returning your original request slip when you returned the book, and that is undoubtedly how the chargeouts came to be retained at this time.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 18, 1950

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SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND
EUGENE C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN
GREEN STEEL BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

notations:

A white card, 4 x 6", which contained the following

"SS WHITE, typing - Brandorf
Instruct JAMES about 1392 Samp."

"Photo Shop Institute 3:30
E. K. STONE - KISTNER, - Screens"

"Wed.
Metal frame at Pine Brook
CHARLIE at Verona 6:30
Civic Centre".

On the back of this card appeared the following notation:
"Leave for Chicago Thursday night late (2 s.v.e.) Stop over at Phila.
Friday and see IRENE".

LEAD

Will question BLACK concerning the above notations.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK's EXPLANATION:

The white 4 x 6 card was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAS R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.

BLACK stated that it is simply a memorandum of things for him to do. He stated that the "SS WHITE" was the SS WHITE DENTAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY from whom he has purchased dental equipment. The "BRANDORF" mentioned thereon is RUTH BRANDORF, the laboratory stenographer, at the National Oil Products Company. The notation "Instruct JAMES about 1392 Samp." refers to work that he had to do at Notco; 1392 was a company number for one of Notco products. BLACK states that the card indicates that he was to instruct JAMES regarding a samp. of this 1392 product. "Photo Shop Institute, 3:30" BLACK described as being the place where he took his course in color photography, and believes that the 3:30 applies to the time that he had his appointment for his instruction.

The other notation regarding the Eastman Kodak Store and the KISTNER listed therein is a salesman, and BLACK believes that he was probably interested in acquiring information regarding movie screens.

The Metal Frame Aquarium Company at Pine Brook, New Jersey, made a special aquarium for some tropical fish that BLACK was raising. The notation "Meet CHARLIE at Civic Centre in Verona at 6:30" undoubtedly refers to an appointment that BLACK had with CHARLES M. FREEFIELD. FREEFIELD was working or attending school in Verona, for a short period of time, and BLACK had an appointment to meet him at the Civic Centre there.

On the reverse side of this slip of paper was a notation "Leave for Chicago Thursday night." BLACK advised that this refers to his leaving for the Socialist Workers' Party Convention in Chicago.

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BLACK still maintained that he had attended a Convention of the Socialist Workers' Party in Chicago around 1939 and that it was not the original founding of the Convention of the Socialist Workers' Party. BLACK admitted that it may have been a plenum instead of a Convention.

The notation "(2 s.v.e.)" refers to the Society of Visual Education in Chicago. BLACK stated that he wanted to stop there on his trip to Chicago and pick up their catalog. In addition, he wanted to see some of the exhibits that the s.v.e. had.

The notation "Stop over at Phila. Friday and see IRENE" refers to the Innes Publishing Company of Philadelphia, publishers of an aquarium magazine. BLACK was interested in taking color photographs of tropical fish and wanted to confer with the magazine company regarding this. He admitted that he did not make this contact in Philadelphia.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, SA

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ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND
EUGENE C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL
IN GREEN STEEL BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

3 x 5 card which contains the following names:

G. E. STECKERT
31 E. 10

BARNES & KNOBLE
18 and 5th

B. LOGIN & SON INC.
29 E. 21st St.

This card contained other notations which are unimportant.

LEAD

Will question BLACK concerning the above names.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK's EXPLANATION:

The 3 x 5 card was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAS W. B. WELTE, JR., and R. W. HOLMES.

BLACK stated that the three names appearing thereon were all New York City book dealers and that at one time he was trying to get a certain book which was out of print.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JOHN A. HEHENSTREIT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 18, 1950

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WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
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GREEN STEEL BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A pamphlet issued by the THREE DIMENSION CORPORATION, New
Holstein, Wisconsin, which contained the name Dr. GERALD WHIDT (ph), 320
East 42nd St., New York City.

It should be noted that the last name was very illegible
and was difficult to make out.

LEAD

Will have BLACK identify DR. GERALD WHIDT and
determine his association with him.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK's EXPLANATION:

The pamphlet was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAS R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.

BLACK advised that this pamphlet has no meaning to him and the writing thereon is not in his handwriting.

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FROM : JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM
SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE WARE-
HOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ON
JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A piece of blue paper containing the name BUTTERFLY STORE,
256 5th Avenue.

LEAD

Will ascertain BLACK's association with the
above store.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK's EXPLANATION:

The blue slip of paper was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR., and BLACK advised that he frequently purchased Butterflies at the Butterfly Store in New York City, and that these have no bearing on the case. He has purchased these and has hung them on the walls of his apartment rooms instead of pictures as he believes they are very beautiful.

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FROM : JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 18, 1950

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ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN STEEL
BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A portion of a newspaper clipping which contained the
names JEROME, BEN - ASHER.

LEAD

Will determine from BLACK the identity of the
above individuals.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was,
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 6, 1950

BLACK'S EXPLANATION:

The portion of the newspaper bearing the names "JEROME, BEN - ASHER" was exhibited to BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAS W. B. WELTE, JR., and R. W. HOLMES.

BLACK advised that JEROME BEN ASHER was a SWP member in New York the entire time that TOM BLACK himself was a member. BEN ASHER is the individual's true name, and he resided in Newark. BLACK did not know where he is employed and the only significance that he could place in this was the fact that he had probably written down the man's name because he had an appointment to meet him.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ALLAN W. OPPEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
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DATE: June 18, 1950

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL WHICH WAS STORED AT THE VAN POZNAK FIREPROOF
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD STREET, NEWARK, N.J. ON JUNE 17, 1950 BY
SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE NEWARK OFFICE

The item described in this memorandum is found in Box 79, Lot No.
446, identified by SA ROLLEN W. CLARK.

A note bearing the following name and address:

HAROLD UFIST
Natl. (?) Drug Company
4663 Stenton Avenue
Philadelphia 44
Ask for Apartment 3-4

The above item is written on the reverse of a sheet bearing a notation "Purchases by J.F. to T.L.B."

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BLACK'S EXPLANATION

The following explanation was furnished by the subject on July 6, 1950 to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.

BLACK stated that HAROLD URIST was a chemist formerly employed by National Oil Products Company, and that he knew him since his employment there. He stated that URIST was a close friend of JACK PASS, and that this notation is the property of PASS.

The notation on the reverse side, according to BLACK, indicates that PASS had purchased something for BLACK.

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A receipt No. 462 from the Commercial Photographic
Shop, 829 Broad Street, Newark, N.J. dated April 16,
1945 to THOMAS L. BLACK, reflecting the following
information:

"Five photostats, pages 374 through 377, one
positive of figure one. Amount \$1.75."

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BLACK'S EXPLANATION

The following explanation was furnished by the subject on July 6, 1950 to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.

BLACK stated he had occasionally had photostating work performed at the Commercial Photographic Shop mentioned in this memorandum. At this time, he could not recall exactly what was photostated, but stated it appears as though it were pages of a reference book.

BLACK advised that it was his custom to have reference matter photostated whenever it was desirable to retain it.

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A shipper's receipt from the Railway Express Agency
dated February 24, 1945 bearing the following infor-
mation:

The Consignee Lieutenant Commander J. D. CASSIDY,
Anchor Official Corporation, Port of New York,
Authority Building, 8th Avenue, Passaic, N.J. The
shipper is Fine Organics, Inc., 201 Main Street,
Lodi, N.J. The shipment consisted of 3 cases of
liquid oil weighing 130 pounds.

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BLACK'S EXPLANATION

The following explanation was furnished by the subject on July 6, 1950 to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WHITE, JR.

BLACK stated that he and JACK ROSNER, whom he has previously identified as an SWP member, had come up with the idea that if a germicide were added to cutting oils, the risk of infection to machinists would be lessened. BLACK stated that ROSNER had made contact with the individual mentioned in this memo for the experimentation of their cutting oil with a germicide added. The deal was handled through Fine Organics, Inc.

BLACK mixed up the cutting oil and added a germicide. He then shipped the cutting oil, the quantity of which he called a working sample, to the aforementioned individual. The idea was that they would use the oil and if they found it satisfactory, ROSNER and BLACK would be given an order for an additional quantity. BLACK advised that he and ROSNER never heard anything more of their business endeavor in this field.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JAMES E. HELMER

SUBJECT: INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF
BLACK'S EFFECTS FOUND AT THE VON POZNAN WAREHOUSE,
92 HOWARD STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, JUNE 17, 1950

DATE: June 18, 1950

A 311 page book (no identification made by Agents securing this book during search), entitled "Qualitative Organic Analysis by OLIVER KAMEL with notation written in ink that the book is part of the library of "HARRY GOLD, Xavier University."

Between pages 152 and 153 of the aforementioned book handwritten notes contained on a 11" x 8½" sheet of paper written in ink and pencil was located. The notes contained the crossed-out name of HARRY GOLD and appear to relate to some type of chemical analysis. The paper contains five notations, four of which appear to be of no significance. However, the fifth notation contains the reminder for the writer to "call THOMAS."

Between pages 232 and 233 of the same book was located a yellow 5" x 8½" piece of paper containing pencilled handwriting notes reading:

"Schedule Tuesday 5/12/42
Start Filtering Glycogen
Add E. M. and H 20
Add Aliquots
Slug and auto clove
Titrate samples
_____ Glycogen H 20

See about Assay Sheets from TERESA
Ship Yeast."

LEADS

Will exhibit notes on 11" x 8½" white paper to BLACK and determine if they were written by BLACK or GOLD and the significance of these notes.

Determine from BLACK if he is identical with the THOMAS mentioned in these notes.

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Will also exhibit the 5" x 8 1/2" piece of paper to BLACK and determine from him whether it was written by BLACK or GOLD.

Ascertain the identity of TERESA and BLACE's connection with that individual.

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July 6, 1950

BLACK'S EXPLANATION

The following explanation was furnished by the subject on July 6, 1950 to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.

BLACK advised that this book was the property of HARRY GOLD, and it was loaned to him by GOLD. All the papers in this book are in the writing of HARRY GOLD and mean nothing to BLACK.

BLACK does not recall the purpose of GOLD's lending him the book. He stated that he simply failed to return the book to GOLD after its initial purpose was served.